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SUBJECT: PANAM EVACUATION FLIGHT

REF: A) HART/WISNER TELECON 24 APRIL B) STATE 92890

HKG HAS DISAPPROVED LANDING OF PANAM EVACUATION FLIGHT
CARRYING, ACCORDING TO PANAM MANAGER, UP TO 400 VIETNAMESE
WHO ARE NOT DOCUMENTED FOR FURTHER TRAVEL. PLANE WILL NOT
BE ALLOWED TO LAND UNLESS IN IMMEDIATE TRANSIT OR UNLESS
WE CAN GIVE FAIRLY GOOD GUARANTEES TO BRITISH THAT EVACUEES
WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE ON TO US OR OTHER AREAS. WE HAVE SAID
THAT ON BASIS REF A WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE THOSE GUARANTEES
ALTHOUGH WE COULD ASSURE BRITISH THAT WE WOULD "PULL OUT
ALL STOPS" TO MOVE REFUGEES OFF THEIR HANDS AS FAST
AS POSSIBLE. BRITISH CONCERN IS THAT ALLOWING THIS PAR-
TICULAR FLIGHT TO LAND WILL CREATE PRECEDENT AND THEY
WOULD BE FACED WITH UNWELCOME PROSPECT OF SERVING AS STAGING
POINT FOR LARGE FLOOD OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND ALTHOUGH
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THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS THEY ARE

TAKING HARD LINE. SINCE ALL REFUGEES PRESUMABLY ARE
EMPLOYEES OF US COMPANIES, IS THERE SOME WAY THAT WE COULD
GIVE GUARANTEE OF RAPID PROCESSING UNDER CONDITIONAL ENTRY
WHICH WE MIGHT USE WITH BRITISH IN THIS SINGLE CASE? PANAM
IS GUARANTEEING ALL HONG EXPENSES. PLEASE
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY. FLIGHT DUE TO TAKE OFF FROM SAIGON
1630 SAIGON TIME.
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